

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ON-BOARD CALL****ABSTRACT**

In a first form, a method for providing telephone service to a passenger on-board an  
5 aircraft includes establishing an identity for the passenger. In establishing the passenger identity,  
an on-board telephone service provider receives communication by an off-board communications  
means. In another step, information about the passenger's flight is obtained, according to which  
the on-board telephone service provider receives at least a portion of the flight information from  
a flight information provider. An on-board telephone is selected for an incoming call responsive  
10 to i) the flight information provided by the flight information provider and ii) the passenger  
identity. In this manner the passenger does not have to activate the on-board telephone nor even  
contact the telephone service provider prior to receiving an on-board call.

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